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Part two: biennial programme plan**

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 9**United Nations Support for the New Partnership for
Africa's Development**

1. At its 21st meeting, on 23 June 2004, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 9, United Nations Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/59/6 (Prog.9)).
2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Strong support was expressed for the programme and appreciation was expressed for the role and contributions made so far by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in the very short time since the office had been established.
4. Concern was expressed that the situation of Africa continued to require great support from the international community in order to reach the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the outcomes of the major United Nations



conferences and international agreements since 1992. While appreciation was expressed for the assistance and support of the United Nations system, it was noted that further efforts were required by the international community and the United Nations system since the Millennium Development Goals indicators of sub-Saharan Africa showed a worsening trend. The importance of programme 9 was emphasized, as well as the link between the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the achievement of the Goals.

5. The view was expressed that the interface of this programme with that of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries should be established in accordance with the existing resolutions.

6. The need was expressed for the intensification of efforts by African countries, with support from the international community, including the United Nations system, to bring a durable peace and sustainable development to Africa.

7. The view was expressed that the mandate of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to review and report on the coordinated implementation of the outcomes of United Nations summit meetings and conferences should be adequately referred to in programme 9 of the strategic framework. The responsibility of the Office for the coordinated preparation of reports on Africa should be better highlighted in subprogramme 1.

8. It was expressed that a reference to the Secretary-General's Advisory Panel on International Support for NEPAD and its importance should be made in programme 9 of the proposed strategic framework.

9. Appreciation was expressed for the TICAD process, for which the Office was one of the co-organizers, as an instrument in support of Africa's development in general and the promotion of South-South cooperation in particular. References were made to other initiatives which enhanced South-South cooperation, including the Asia-Africa Sub-Regional Organization Conference, the Havana Declaration and Programme of Action, and the Marrakech Declaration and Framework. Trade and Foreign Direct Investment were mentioned as key elements of South-South cooperation. Queries were raised on the indicator proposed for South-South cooperation, and the view was expressed that only those forums that dealt with South-South cooperation in support of NEPAD should be recorded.

10. It was generally acknowledged that it was difficult to establish measurable indicators under programme 9 in view of the nature of the mandate involved; hence, a number of suggestions for measurable indicators were made. The Committee, however, expressed the hope that the indicators could be refined and improved to better reflect action, results and value achieved.

11. The view was expressed that the references to NEPAD indicators of achievement under subprogramme 1 should not be merely to its structure and secretariat but rather to the policy and programme development of NEPAD priority areas.

12. The importance of working closely with the Bretton Woods institutions and the Global Coordination for Africa in the implementation of the programme was stressed.

13. Much appreciation was expressed for the role of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in the regional cooperation and coordination of the United Nations

system for the implementation of NEPAD and regional consultations as an effective inter-agency coordination mechanism. The concrete projects and programmes developed by ECA in various NEPAD priority areas was acknowledged. ECA was encouraged to develop joint programming and to increase joint regional activities and programmes with regional and subregional organizations.

14. The need was expressed to increase cooperation between ECA and other regional and subregional organizations, which should be reflected as a part of the strategy for subprogramme 2. An assessment of achievements made by these organizations should also be included.

15. The operationalization of NEPAD at the country level was crucial for African countries and their people, in addition to the regional and subregional levels. As a result, it was suggested that the role of ECA in supporting the implementation at the country level should be sufficiently addressed in subprogramme 2.

16. The importance of subprogramme 3 was acknowledged as a means of mobilizing international awareness and support for the development of Africa through the existing Department of Public Information network and media, hence the need for effective coordination between the Department and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa was emphasized in order to achieve the overall objective of global advocacy in support for Africa's development. The use of UN radio and UN news as well as non-United Nations international and African media were therefore recommended as possible indicators of accomplishments.

Conclusions and recommendations

17. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 9, United Nations Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:

Throughout the programme, replace the words "African development" with the words "Africa's development".

Subprogramme 1

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator to read "(a) (v) An increase in the number of implemented recommendations incorporated in General Assembly resolutions on Africa's development through NEPAD".

In indicator (a) (iv), replace the words "African development in their development agenda" with the words "Africa's development in development assistance agendas".

Revise indicator (d) (ii) to read "An increase in the number of civil society organizations, including the private sector, involved in the support for implementation of NEPAD".

Paragraph 9.8

In the first sentence, replace the words "and the Global Coalition for Africa" with the words "the Global Coalition for Africa and the Africa Partnership Forum".

Subprogramme 2

Indicators of achievement

Renumber indicator (a) to read (a) (i).

Add a new indicator (a) (ii) to read "The number of overlapping programmes that are merged".

Renumber indicator (h) to read (b) (i).

Add a new indicator (b) (ii) to read "An increase in the number of programmes and projects implemented under these memorandums of understanding".

Renumber indicator (c) to read (c) (i).

Add a new indicator (c) (ii) to read "An increased percentage of countries which express their satisfaction for regional and subregional support in the implementation of NEPAD in the field".
